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Lewis (CA)	Quinn	Upton
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

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NOT VOTING—25

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Mr. CAPUANO changed his vote from "yea" to "present."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2215, THE 21ST CENTURY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2215 tomorrow.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the 2 Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2215 be instructed to:

1, agree to title IV of the Senate amendment (establishing a Violence Against Women Office); and

2, insist upon section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as added by section 402 of the House bill (establishing duties and functions of the Director of the Violence Against Women Office).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the 2 Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2646 be instructed to insist on the provisions contained in section 945 of the House bill relating to unlawful stockyard practices involving nonambulatory livestock.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the House conferees on H.R. 2646, an act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, be instructed to leave intact the House provisions of the House and Senate bills, specifically those which:

amend section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act, (7 U.S.C. 2156), subsection (e), to strike "\$5,000" and insert "\$15,000"; and to strike "1 year penalty provision" and insert "2 years";

and it provide that the amendments to section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act take effect 30 days after the date of enactment of this act.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on remaining motions to suspend the rules will be taken tomorrow.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES FOR WINNING THE 2002 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 401) congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 401

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team won its second National Collegiate Athletic Association championship in 3 years by defeating the University of Oklahoma by the score of 82-70;

Whereas the team, coached by NCAA Division I women's basketball Coach of the Year, Geno Auriemma, finished the 2002 season with a perfect 39-0 record, becoming only the 4th NCAA Division I women's basketball team to finish a season undefeated;

Whereas Sue Bird was chosen as the national women's Player of the Year;

Whereas Swin Cash was named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Diana Taurasi, Asjha Jones, and Tamika Williams were selected as All-Americans;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' 35-point average margin of victory during the regular season was the largest average margin of victory in NCAA Division I women's basketball history;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies dominated this year's championship tournament, averaging 83.3 points and a 27-point margin of victory en route to the championship;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' championship season has rallied Connecticut residents of all ages behind a common purpose and triggered a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team

for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship and for completing the 2001–2002 season with a 39–0 record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 401.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 401. This resolution congratulates the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I women's basketball championship. This is the University of Connecticut's second NCAA championship in 3 years. As my colleagues may know, the team finished the 2002 season with an unblemished perfect record of 39 and 0 and became only the fourth NCAA Division I women's team to finish the season undefeated. This is an amazing accomplishment and one worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) for introducing this resolution, and I extend my congratulations to the team, their coach, and the university. I ask all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, let me just thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) for bringing this resolution to the floor, and those of us in Connecticut accept his good wishes on this issue. I also want to thank the gentleman from the Connecticut delegation (Mr. SIMMONS) for introducing the resolution honoring the Huskies for capping a perfect 39 and 0 season. That is right. Say it again; a perfect 39 and 0 season, with their third NCAA women's basketball championship. Under the guidance of NCAA division Coach of the Year, Geno Auriemma, the Huskies dominated their opponents on the court. The 2002 Huskies are destined to be remembered as one of the best basketball teams in sports history.

The people of Connecticut are justly excited and proud of their Huskies who have set an example for us all with their teamwork and with their standard for perfection. They ranked number 1 in the Nation in scoring, 3-point shooting percentage, scoring defense, and field-goal percentage allowed. They set an NCAA record with a season-long average victory margin of 35.4

points, and set a national record with 831 assists. Throughout the entire season, only 1 opponent lost by less than 10 points.

The individual talent of the Huskies' players, and particularly the 5 starters, meshed to make them an unbeatable force. Their talent was recognized with a number of accolades. All 5 of the starters, Asja Jones, Swin Cash, Tamika Williams, Diana Taurasi, and Sue Bird, made the Big East All Tournament team and they were also selected as All Americans. Swin Cash was named the final 4 most outstanding player. Sue Bird, who scored 14 points in the championship game, was chosen as the National Championship Player of the Year and won the Honda Award for women's basketball.

These women have illustrated for us the results of Congress's commitment, through Title IX, to getting girls involved in sports.

I might just add on a personal note, many, many, many years ago at the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy in Milford, Connecticut, I played basketball. I am so old in this process that women could only play half court at that time. We have really turned things around.

Really what title IX has provided is that it has shown that given the resources, that women are just as talented and as exciting to watch as any men's team that is out there. With their hard work, their absolute determination, and their commitment to teamwork and, quite frankly, doing what they love to do on and off the court, these talented young women have proven themselves to be role models for girls and boys across this great Nation. They have set a new standard of excellence that teams in the future will strive to match. The UCONN Huskies have achieved perfection and inspired us all.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Huskies on their championship win and on their perfect season. They have truly earned this recognition. Go Huskies.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS), the author of the resolution.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) for yielding me this time.

I rise today and join all of my Connecticut colleagues to honor the 2002 NCAA women's basketball champions, the University of Connecticut Huskies.

This resolution recognizes a team that my home State is so proud of, a group of young women who have excelled both on and off the court. Led by NCAA Player of the Year and WNBA number 1 draft pick, Sue Bird, along with her senior teammates, Asja Jones, Tamika Williams, and NCAA most outstanding player Swin Cash, the Huskies capped a perfect 39 and 0 season by beating the University of Oklahoma 82

to 70; 82 to 70. Mr. Speaker, 3½ million viewers, including all of Connecticut, watched with pride as the Huskies claimed their place as the undefeated national champions and one of the all-time greatest basketball teams in history.

Founded in 1881, the University of Connecticut has a rich history of providing educational opportunities for undergraduates of diverse interests, abilities and backgrounds, and the Huskies now add another national championship title to their world class academic reputation.

So many outstanding young women helped make the 2001–2002 season a smashing success, and I mentioned 4 seniors. But in addition to these, we have the fifth Huskie starter, Diana Taurasi, and other players on the team, all of whom could have started just about anywhere in the country.

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There were Jessica Moore, Ashley Battle, Maria Conlon, Morgan Valley, Ashley Valley, and Stacey Marron. A special "Way to go, Huskies," goes to head coach Geno Auriemma, associate coach Chris Daily, and coaches Tonya Cardoza and Jamelle Elliott, as well as to athletic director Lou Perkins, and the parents of this team. Finally, I commend UConn President Phillip Austin and his administration for fielding such a fine team of scholar athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to standing on the floor next year, hopefully, to commend yet another UConn women's NCAA basketball champion. But for today, it is the 2002 team.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me, Mr. Speaker. This is going to be kind of an echo of the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO). We are going to say the same things, but every time we say it, we like it even more.

My constituents and all of Connecticut congratulate the University of Connecticut Lady Huskies for winning the 2002 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship. These Huskies truly deserve the title "Best in Show." In my expert opinion, this is the greatest team, the greatest team in the history of women's college basketball, and who knows if it will ever be repeated.

How good were the Huskies? Consider that in posting their 39 and 0 record, they never once trailed in the second half all season. Their average margin of victory was a remarkable 35 points. During the NCAA tournament, they won their six games by an average margin of 27 points.

At 87.5 points per game, they were the highest-scoring team in the Nation, and with an average of 51.4 points allowed, they had the second stingiest defense.

Mr. Speaker, this team is characterized by its quick passes, ferocious rebounding, intense defense, and precision shooting, all of which were a cut

above the rest of the competition, a big cut above.

But most of all, what strikes me about the Lady Huskies is their emphasis on teamwork, their awesome teamwork: 831 assists. What a pleasure to watch them.

On their way to their second championship in three years, the Lady Huskies were led by the unselfish play of four sensational seniors and a super sophomore: National Player of the Year and All-American Sue Bird, Final Four Most Outstanding Player and an all-American, Swin Cash, and All-Americans Asjha Jones, Tamika Williams, and Diana Taurasi.

The Lady Huskies were also a team feared for their depth. I want to take a moment to recognize Maria Conlon, Stacey Marron, and two sisters, Morgan and Ashley Valley.

NCAA Coach of the Year, Geno Auriemma, put together an unbelievable team with his coaching staff. These UConn Huskies are the new measure that all teams have to meet. They were really a joy to watch, and I congratulate them on all they have achieved.

I also want to congratulate them for being such extraordinary role models for Americans young and old.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), whose height might be challenging for basketball, but whose spirit is national championship caliber.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia, but I would remind him in those days when speed mattered more than height, I was quite okay.

Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues from Connecticut to pay tribute to a truly great team. These young women have played now, four of them, for 4 years for UConn, and it is not just the top team that is so impressive, it is all the way down through the bench that this team is truly a model for all young women across the Nation.

First of all, let me remind Members that on Sunday, March 31, they defeated Oklahoma University to win the NCAA tournament with a perfect record of 39 wins to zero losses.

I would also like to offer special congratulations to the head coach, Geno Auriemma, who won his third national title, and all the players this season, including the departing seniors, who have had a most remarkable 4 years.

Geno is a remarkable coach, and I think this team is, as his previous teams were, evidence not only of his skill and leadership, but their character and intelligence.

I rise today because these young women are not just champions in the basketball world, as important as that is. They are not only skilled individual basketball players, but they are outstanding team players, and it is that that their coach, Geno, has taught them: How to work together, how to help the other guy, how to make sure

that each brings out the very best in the rest of the team, because success is never the consequence of any one individual player's skill, as in life success is never the consequence of one individual human being's actions, but always of the teamwork and interaction among free, capable, and skilled people.

But these young women are not just skilled athletes and great team members. They are, in fact, fine students. They do extremely well in their courses, and they are women of integrity and character.

Their concern for one another, the way they treat one another, the respect for one another, their honesty, their integrity, and their moral character has been an inspiration to the young women of our State and across the Nation, as well as their skill and teamwork.

I salute them here tonight on the floor of the House, and I join my colleagues from Connecticut and the people across our great State in saluting this women's basketball team for their enormous victory on Sunday, March 31.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I just want to say that I think we can hear from what my colleagues from Connecticut and myself are saying as to how the UConn Huskies, the women, have captured the enthusiasm of the State, whether young or old, men or women, but particularly women.

I will just say that my mother, Louise DeLauro, is 88 years old. She is fixed to the TV when the women are playing, and I will tell Members why. When she was growing up, and I did not know this until really listening to her and watching her watch this game and looking at the plays, and it was just amazing to me, she talked about women's leagues when she was in school, in which she played in the city of New Haven, eight leagues of women playing in one city in our State. And given that she is 88 years old, Members can figure out how many years ago that was.

We literally have come full circle. This is intergenerational. We have Louise DeLauro at age 88 fixed to the TV, and we have young women all over our State looking at these women as real role models. It is a change in how not only our State, but this country views women in competitive sports and views women's basketball.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. DELAURO. I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. SHAYS. Very briefly, I would love to just say, Mr. Speaker, that this basketball team and the teams that Lew Perkins has put together, the athletic director, have brought Connecticut together.

I represent a part of Connecticut closer to New York City, and sometimes my constituents think they vote for the Governor of New York instead of Connecticut. But this basketball

team has done an amazing job of making all of us so proud and feel so much a part of Connecticut.

I would say one other thing. When we watch this team, we are not going to see their names on the back of their Jerseys because Geno points out that they are all a team, and no one is better than the other. Their names are not there. They are the team, the UConn Huskies. They do a great job.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further questions, but I join with the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS), the author of this legislation, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and others.

I commend it to the House and urge its adoption.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary dedication, hard work, and ability of the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Women's Basketball Champions, the Huskies of the University of Connecticut. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of House Concurrent Resolution—to honor the University of Connecticut women's basketball team for their incredible achievement. On Sunday, March 31, the Huskies completed their perfect season with a hard-earned victory over the Oklahoma Sooners. With a record of 39 wins and no losses, the Huskies were named for the second time in three years as the NCAA champions.

Of the five starters this season, four were seniors: Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Tamika Williams, and Asjha Jones. During their four years at the University of Connecticut, they had a record of 136–9, made three Final Fours, and won two National Championships. They were only the fourth team in women's college basketball history to go undefeated, tying the record for the most wins. Throughout the season the team had an average margin victory of 35.4 points, and never trailed in the second half of a basketball game.

Members of the team won various awards this season. Sue Bird won the Wade Trophy for National Women's Player of the Year, Naismith Player of the Year, and was selected for AP First Team All-America Honors. Swin Cash an sophomore Diana Taurasi were selected to the All-America Second Team, Asjha Jones made the All-America Third Team, and Tamika Williams received Honorable Mention All-America. Coach Geno Auriemma was selected as Naismith Coach of the Year and 2002 Russell Athletic/WBCA Division I National Coach of the Year.

Those associated with women's college basketball have claimed that this Husky basketball team is among, if not, the best team in the history of the Women's game. I believe the ultimate compliment was paid to this team when Pat Summitt, coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols, said: "[Geno's] done a great job with them and they're big play people all across the board. And what I really admire about this Connecticut team is how hard they play and how inspired they are in every possession. I did not recall seeing a player not

play hard every possession. And that speaks for their character and what they brought to the court tonight against us. But I may do to the graduation and cheer. You think they'll let me go? I might be there.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the UConn Husky women's basketball team. The entire State of Connecticut is proud of the Husky team, which has helped turn Connecticut into the center of women's college basketball. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution and to celebrate the talents of this exceptional team.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 401.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1950

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1950.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2871, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mrs. MYRICK (during debate on H. Res. 401) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-423) on the resolution (H. Res. 402) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2871) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF TANF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we move towards the reauthorization of TANF, and as we look at the whole question, the whole issue of welfare reform, I think there are some principles and concepts and realities and truisms that we need to deal with.

First of all, we need to understand that in order for people to move from welfare to work, that more education and training is needed and necessary, as opposed to more work requirements.

The 24-hour direct work-related activity that is proposed is too strict. The only 16-hour non-direct work-related activity does not allow an individual to receive adequate educational or vocational training, and does not allow the ability for adequate job training and education.

We need to understand, Mr. Speaker, that education is needed for recipients to get off welfare permanently. We need to allow recipients the opportunity of 24 months of job training or vocational training, and 2 years of degree attainment. That is to suggest that they need to be afforded the opportunity to acquire at least an Associate of Arts degree.

Recipients must compete with the lagging economy and the fact that more college graduates are now stuck in low-paying jobs. We need to understand that recipients need education, education, and education if they are to increase the possibility of moving from welfare to work.

We need to allow for high school diploma attainment, English language learner classes, and adult basic education, including adult literacy programs. Education and training make a critical difference in employability, earnings, and job retention.

In 1998, 28 percent of TANF recipients worked for substandard pay while still qualifying for aid. People leaving welfare earn around \$6.61 per hour, or from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year.

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More education is obviously needed if they are to earn enough to earn a decent living. Welfare rolls dropped 22 percent between 1995 and 1997. However, poverty among families headed by single mothers dropped only 1 percent. The reality is that the poor are getting poorer. Many must choose between child care and work. We must reduce the extent and severity of poverty and promote self-sufficiency among families if we are doing anything serious about moving people from welfare to work. Child care funding needs to be adjusted for inflation. We must increase Federal funding for the child development funds to meet the needs of all eligible children. And we must invest enough in child care to make a difference. Mothers who work low-wage jobs often do not have benefits to leave work when the child is sick or they work conflicting hours. The annual cost of child care is \$4,000 to \$6,000 and can rise as high as 10,000. Child care must be an integral part of any effort to move people from poverty, from welfare to work.

So I urge, Mr. Speaker, that as we move towards reauthorization of TANF we realize what we are trying to do is to move people not from just welfare to work but from poverty to a decent level of living.

HONORING YOUTH NEED PRIME TIME

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KELLER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I come today to this Chamber having had an extraordinary morning in east central Indiana. At my side was the conference chairman for the Republican majority of the Congress, J.C. Watts, who is, among other accolades including Orange Bowl hall of famer, a football player and one of the best known members of this institution nationally. He is a man, as I learned today, deeply committed to the least of these and to coming alongside those in community, not sadly, Mr. Speaker, often associated with the Republican Party in this day and age, but a community that is nonetheless deeply in need of attention and, specifically, legislative attention by this Congress.

Today J.C. Watts and I traveled to the west side of Anderson into, Mr. Speaker, a ramshackle house, dilapidated, the floors creaking beneath us, an old refrigerator humming in the back room full of Cokes and snacks. We stood before some 30 people, teenagers, largely minority young men and women, all of them from disadvantaged families, each of them from one degree or another in trouble with the law, in trouble at school. And all of these students gathered as this football player-turned-Congressman and as this talk show-host-turned-Congressman stood in front of them extolling the virtues of the leader of that organization, Youth Need Prime Time, Thomas Jackson; the work that he had done in that place and in lesser places, Mr. Speaker, over the last 16 years, touching the lives of some 3,000 young people in one of the most disadvantaged areas of the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana.

I heard J.C. Watts as he spoke about the lies on the street, having grown up in a disadvantaged black family himself. His father, Buddy, having not ever gone to school beyond the second grade, J.C. Watts was able to speak with authority to these young people about the lies of believing that it will never happen to me, believing that the rules of law and the rules of nature will never catch up with them and least of all the long arm of the law.

I saw those young people, Mr. Speaker, with rapt attention as they listened. But my heart nevertheless went out to the leaders of that organization who make it, Mr. Speaker, hand to mouth, barely paying the rent, barely having the resources to run the organization as it has impacted so many lives since 1986.

And my mind wandered to the legislation that we passed in this House almost now a year ago, legislation known as the Community Solutions Act. It was legislation commonly described as the faith-based initiative